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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Ms. Sharla Dillon, Dockets and Records Manager
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Docket No. 00-00075; Report Regarding Commencement of Service

Dear Ms. Dillon:

In accordance with Ordering Paragraph No. 2 of the Initial Order Granting Certificate of Public Convenience and Authority in the above-reference proceeding, CenturyTel Solutions, LLC ("CTS"), through undersigned counsel hereby notifies the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") that CTS has not yet commenced providing telecommunications services in Tennessee.

As a result of the uncertainty in the telecommunications market in Tennessee and elsewhere since the grant of CTS's certificate, CTS did not immediately commence providing telecommunications services in its proposed Tennessee markets. Rather, in order to avoid the potential adverse consequences of commencing service before the market was ripe for a new entrant, and thus risking cutting back or abandoning certain uneconomic markets, CTS elected to monitor and routinely evaluate the health of those markets to determine the most appropriate time to begin providing service. As a result, CTS anticipates that it will be able to more appropriately target its innovative, competitively-priced service offerings to those consumers that will benefit most from CTS's service offerings and provide the foundation for further growth and expansion into additional markets.

That being said, CTS anticipates that it will begin providing service in certain markets in Tennessee by the fourth quarter of 2003. Should CTS's proposed schedule for service commencement change, CTS will promptly advise the Commission.

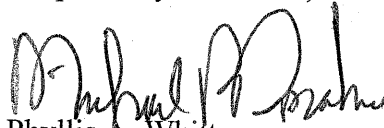
An original and thirteen (13) copies of this letter are enclosed. Please date stamp and return the enclosed extra copy in the attached self-addressed stamped envelope provided herein.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael P. Donahue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being more prominent.

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Michael P. Donahue

Counsel for CenturyTel Solutions, LLC

cc: Ron Johnson